



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 2898-00

21 September 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 20 September 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 2 May 1981 at age 18. The record reflects that you received six nonjudicial punishments. The offenses included absence from your appoint place of duty on four occasions, drinking on duty, failure to obey a lawful order, escaping from lawful custody, and use of marijuana.

On 3 August 1983 the commanding officer recommended that you be separated with an other than honorable discharge by reason of misconduct due to a pattern of misconduct and drug abuse. When informed of the recommendation, you elected to waive your right to present your case to an administrative discharge board. After review by the discharge authority, the recommendation for separation was approved and you were discharged with an other than honorable discharge on 31 August 1983.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and the contention that the urinalysis was not supportable. In

support of this contention, you submitted a Department of the Army form letter which informs Army personnel that their drug testing was faulty. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your involvement with drugs and the frequency of your misconduct. In this regard, the enclosed form letter has no relevance since it does not apply to personnel or drug tests done at Navy drug laboratories. Therefore, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director